

Croatia & Slovenia



Island Hopping by First-Class Yacht with KNKX September 6- 18, 2023



Join KNKX General Manager, Joey Cohn and a lively group of public radio enthusiasts on the ultimate jazz journey to Slovenia and sun-soaked Croatia! Begin your journey on sparkling Lake Bled, in the scenic Julian Alps. Enjoy a scenic drive down the Dalmatian coast where you board the first-class MV Nautilus, moored in the ancient Roman city of Split. Leave your cares behind, as you sail and swim in the azure waters surrounding the Dalmatian Islands, savoring delightful

wines and delicious olive oil. See the spectacular walled city of Dubrovnik on a sunset cruise. Imagine yourself sipping a cool drink on the deck of your private yacht, listening to the sultry sounds of an exclusive jazz performance...it's all been arranged for a small group of lucky KNKX listeners. Join us!

YOUR JOURNEY TO SLOVENIA & CROATIA

2 Nights Lake Bled, Slovenia

1 Night, Opatija, Croatia

7 Nights aboard the privately-chartered, deluxe MS Nautilus yacht

2 Nights Lapad, Dubrovnik



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HIGHLIGHTS

Laid back jazz concerts featuring local artists ✨ The UNESCO World Heritage site of medieval Dubrovnik ✨ Stunning Lake Bled, Slovenia ✨ The ancient Roman palace of Split ✨ Cruising the islands of Croatia on board the 1st class MV Nautilus ✨ Excursions to wineries and farms ✨ Seaside dining Swimming the azure blue waters of the Adriatic ✨ Wine & olive tastings ✨ Traveling with friends of KNKX ✨ Delightful meals & excursions in charming Lake Bled and elegant Opatija!

IT'S INCLUDED

- ✨ Guided by Earthbound Expeditions founder, Matthew Brumley
- ✨ Three pre-cruise days exploring Lake Bled, Slovenia and Opatija, Croatia
- ✨ Two post-cruise nights in charming Lapad (beach town near Dubrovnik)
- ✨ Seven nights cruising on board the luxurious MV Nautilus yacht
- ✨ Transport by private coach for all excursions
- ✨ All breakfasts, plus 12 multi-course traditional meals
- ✨ All shore excursions with knowledgeable local guides
- ✨ All gratuities for your Earthbound Expeditions guide and drivers
- ✨ Laid back evening jazz concerts
- ✨ A small group of like-minded public radio travelers

NOT INCLUDED International Airline tickets, airline luggage fees, any meals not mentioned, room/mini-bar service, gratuities for hotel staff or ship crew, port fees, travel insurance, items of a personal nature and anything not listed in the “It’s Included” section above.

TRIP FACTS

13 Days / 12 Nights

Depart the USA by September 5, 2023

Trip begins: September 6, 2023 in Lake Bled, Slovenia

Trip ends: September 18, 2023 in Dubrovnik, Croatia

Pricing: See last page for ship layout and pricing details



Getting there: Make sure to book your air ticket directly with the airlines into Ljubljana, Slovenia and out of Dubrovnik, Croatia. We suggest researching flight options at www.kayak.com or www.skyscanner.com, but always book directly with the airlines online or through a travel agent to avoid hassles if you need to make any changes later. Slovenia is an easy-to-navigate. English is widely spoken. Lake Bled, is only a 40-minute taxi ride north of the Ljubljana airport. We highly recommend that you arrive a day to two early. You’ll fall in love with this picturesque, tranquil country.



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Spend a Day Exploring Lake Bled, Slovenia

Your adventure begins!

Day 0: Tuesday, September 5 - Depart home city for quaint Slovenia!

Remember, you will need to depart the USA for Slovenia no later than today. Note: We highly recommend flying over a day or two early in order to enjoy this region and get acclimated to the time difference before joining the group. You may wish to explore Slovenia's charming capital for a day or two before the adventure officially begins on September 6-

Day 1: Wednesday, September 6 - Arrive in Ljubljana, Slovenia

Welcome to the quaint and mountainous country of Slovenia! After flying into Ljubljana, plan to meet your guide and fellow travelers in Lake Bled, an easy 40-minute taxi ride northwest of the airport. Enjoy a welcome feast together this evening. *Sleep near Lake Bled (D)*

Day 2: Thursday, September 7 - Villages, Castles and Stunning Mountain Vistas

Breathe the sub-Alpine air and luxuriate in the gorgeous surroundings! You're at the foot of the towering Julian Alps. Lake Bled offers stunning scenery and a perfect location to explore the mountains, lakes and meadows of this magnificent region. This morning you'll be transported by a traditional row boat, called "Pletna," to the old monastery located on a tiny island in the center of the lake. Upon returning, enjoy a lovely lunch. Free time options today include a lake cruise, a mountain hike, a stroll along the shores of the lake, or an excursion up to the well-preserved ruins of the 11th century Bled Castle. Some of you may wish to relax in the local spa. *Sleep near Lake Bled (B, L)*



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"Those who seek paradise on Earth should come to Dubrovnik."
George Bernard Shaw

Day 3: Friday, September 8 - South to Opatija

This morning we drive south to the elegant seaside town of Opatija. Before World War I, this was Austro-Hungary's most fashionable seaside resort and the place to "see and be seen" for the czars of Russia and luminaries such as Isadora Duncan and Gustav Mahler. The grand residences of the wealthy and noble are now elegant hotels that offer the grandeur and sophistication of a bygone age. Relax and stroll along the waterfront before meeting your host and guide for dinner. Sleep in Opatija (B, L)

Day 4: Saturday, September 9 - South to the ancient Roman city of Split

Our expedition continues south to Split. As a UNESCO World Heritage site, Split has an abundance of Roman architecture including the magnificent Diocletian Palace, once inhabited by the Roman emperor. Enjoy a guided tour of the city, after which we board our private yacht, the MV Nautilus, for a welcome drink followed by dinner. *Sleep on board in Split (B, D)*

Day 5: Sunday, September 10 - Split to the island of Hvar via Bol & a Swim Stop

Morning departure to the island of Brač, where a swimming stop is planned at the most famous beach in Dalmatia—Zlatni Rat near Bol. Bol is a typical fishermen's village converted into a popular tourist destination yet retaining its charm. Continue towards the charming island of Hvar with lunch on board at the Pakleni Islands. Hvar is the longest and sunniest island in the Adriatic, known for lush lavender fields and breath-taking beauty. Arrive in the afternoon and enjoy a guided tour of the old Venetian town. Enjoy an evening jazz concert. *Sleep in the port of Hvar (B, L)*





Discover the island of Hvar!

Day 6: Monday, September 11- Hvar to the remote island of Vis

Early morning cruise to the island of Vis, once a strategic naval Yugoslav base and closed to the public for years. Due to this isolation, Vis retains a special charm and is locked in time. Here, you'll see the Mediterranean as it once was. Situated on the northern side of the island, Vis developed near the historic remains of the ancient city of Issa. This was the first urban center in Croatia. Sample local wines and visit the remains of the Roman Thermal Place, the City Museum or simply take a walk enjoying the views of the beautiful Villa Rustica situated along the waterfront. *Sleep in the port of Vis (B, L D)*

Day 7: Tuesday, September 12 - The Walled City of Korcula

This morning, we depart from the island of Visa and cruise to the Island of Korcula, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. We'll stop for lunch in one of the secluded bays en route to Korcula. Upon arrival on the island, we'll have a guided walking tour of this enchanting town with fortified walls and unique herringbone-patterned streets. Korcula also has an abundance of restaurants where you can opt for a gourmet or casual dinner experience. There are many bars and clubs for those looking for evening entertainment. *Sleep on board near Korcula (B, L)*



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Day 8: Wednesday, September 13 – Korcula to the vineyards of the Piljesac Peninsula

Our destination today is the Peljesac Peninsula, best known for its excellent wine. We'll venture inland to explore the rural areas, visit a local family run farm, and enjoy an all-inclusive dinner with traditional Croatian dishes made from local produce.

Sleep on board near the Peljesac peninsula (B, L, D)

Day 9: Thursday, September 14- The Island of Mljet and the village of Slano

Our destination today is the island of Mljet. We'll hike to visit the salt lakes in Mljet National Park, take a boat ride to St Mary Isle, and visit an ancient Benedictine monastery and a 12th century church. Hike, bike, swim and/or sip a glass of Croatian wine in a seaside café. Mljet is a nature lovers paradise. In the late afternoon we arrive in Slano. *Sleep on board in Slano (B, L)*

Day 10: Friday, September 15- The medieval town of Ston & the walls of Dubrovnik

The fishermen's village of Slano is located near the strategic, and fortified medieval town of Ston. After exploring the town's vast medieval ramparts, we make our way to the small village of Mali Ston to learn more about regions famous oysters. Enjoy a special tasting of this delicacy and a glass of wine before returning to the vessel. In the late afternoon enjoy a sunset cruise past the walls of Dubrovnik. *Sleep in Dubrovnik. (B, L, D)*

Day 11: Saturday, September 16 - The Walled City of Dubrovnik- Disembarkation

We disembark the MV Nautilus after breakfast. Enjoy an early morning guided walk of the old town of Dubrovnik including a cable car ride to Srđ Mountain for scenic views of the old city walls and the Elaphiti Islands! The afternoon is at your leisure: your local guide can recommend idyllic spots for lunch and dinner and, for those of you with lots of energy, we highly recommend walking the famous walls. This 1.2-mile-long walk is actually on top of the surrounding city walls and provides a unique perspective to the city. The "Stradun" is Dubrovnik's most famous pedestrian street and a great place to find charming stores and convivial pubs. In the late afternoon check into your 4-star hotel located in Lapad on the sea. *Sleep in Lapad (B, D) *Note: The relaxing town of Lapad is a 10-minute taxi or bus ride from Dubrovnik. Lapad makes for a great base in which to explore this region.*



Day 12: Sunday, September 17 – Relax in Lapad & Dubrovnik

This morning you have several fabulous choices. For many, the most relaxing and enjoyable option involves the time-honored tradition of, “dolce far niente.” Translated, blissful laziness. Swim in the warm waters of the Adriatic, dine on calamari and fresh fish in the beachfront cafes, shop and relax. The day is yours to do as you please. Or, enjoy an optional (not included) day trip into Montenegro or Bosnia. Just two hours east of Dubrovnik lies the famous UNESCO town of Mostar. Famous for its architecture, food and old Ottoman bridge. If you drive 2 hours South you enter the charming country of Montenegro. Your guide will be available to assist you with these options. In the early evening, meet your guide and host Joey Cohn for a farewell feast. *Sleep in Lapad, on the outskirts of Dubrovnik (B, D)*

Day 13: Monday, September 18 - Your Journey Concludes

Your adventure concludes after breakfast today. Return home with a lifetime of memories! Depart from the Dubrovnik city airport for home.

Your KNKX host, Joey Cohn!

General Manager Joey Cohn, has worked in public radio for many years, dating back to when he was an on-air Jazz Host at KUAT, while attending the University of Arizona in Tucson. Later in his broadcast career, Joey worked in commercial radio and television in Phoenix.



In 1987, Joey joined KPLU and has held various positions, including Director of Content and General Manager. Under Joey's leadership, KPLU won numerous national accolades including the Edward R. Murrow for news and the Marconi, for Jazz Station of the Year. Joey led the campaign to Save 88.5FM, raising over \$8,000,000 in less than 6-months and transitioned the station to KNKX - an independent, community station.

Laid Back Jazz!

Homegrown, respected jazz artists are frequently heard in jazz clubs in Slovenia and Croatia. In addition to heading out on the town, we'll also be inviting these artists back to our yacht to perform on the top deck. The setting will be spectacular! Imagine, sipping a glass of cool Croatia white, while floating in a picturesque harbor. All the while, jazz artists entertain us with the music we all so love. This will certainly be a very special and intimate experience to be shared by friends.



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"If I have to rate this trip from 1 to 10, ten being the best, I would rate it a 15!!!!"
Sirpa H. – Earthbound Expeditions alumni traveler and guest aboard the MV Nautilus

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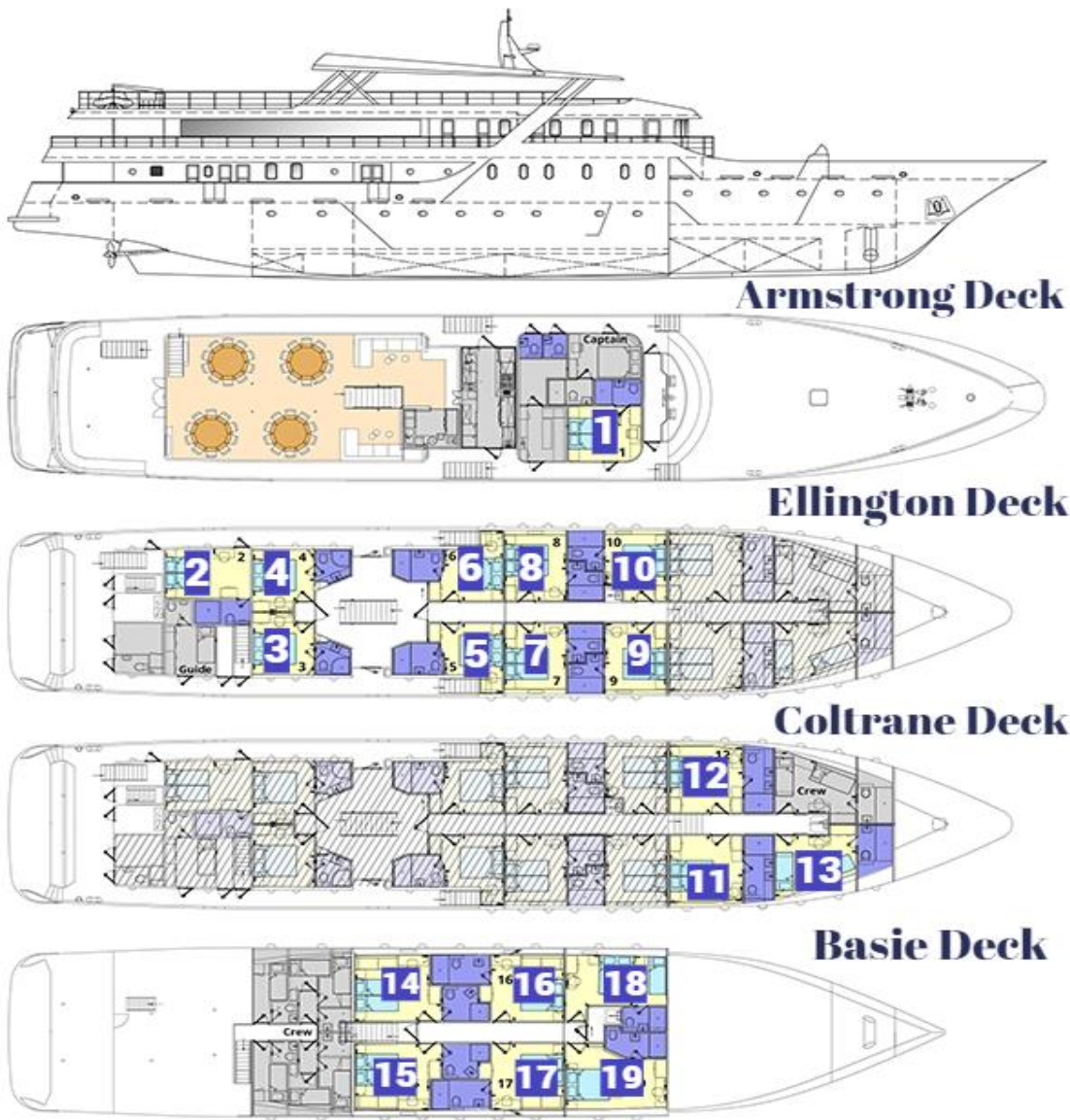


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~Itinerary and Port Times Scheduled to Change~

